

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1(canceled).

2(new). A device for guiding an anchor rope, comprising:

(a) a mounting bracket having a base and a pair of sides spaced apart from each other and defining a channel;

(b) a center roller for guiding the anchor rope, extending between said sides and disposed rotatably about a horizontal center roller axis extending between said sides at a location adjacent a front of said channel;

(c) a pair of non-abrasive vertical guides each located adjacent and extending along a front portion of a respective one of said sides to aid in guiding an anchor rope; and

(d) at least one of said non-abrasive vertical guides including a vertical roller mounted to rotate about a vertical axis of rotation.

3(new). The device of claim 2, further comprising a gusset located a distance above said base, supporting said sides and positioned to support a shank of an anchor in a ready position.

4(new). The device of claim 2, where said device further comprises an anchor locking pin extending horizontally through and between said sides at a location inboard from the vertical guides.

5(new). The device of claim 2, where said vertical guides extend vertically above said pair of sides but do not prevent upward removal of said anchor rope.

6(new). The device of claim 2, wherein said center roller is made from ultra high molecular weight plastic.

7(new). The device of claim 2, wherein said pair of vertical guides are made from ultra high molecular weight plastic.

8(new). A device for guiding an anchor rope, comprising:

(a) a mounting bracket having a base and a pair of sides spaced apart from each other and defining a channel;

(b) a center roller for guiding the anchor rope, extending between said sides and disposed rotatably about a horizontal center roller axis extending between said sides at a location adjacent a front of said channel;

(c) a pair of non-abrasive vertical guides each located adjacent and extending along a front portion of a respective one of said sides to aid in guiding an anchor rope; and

(d) a pair of horizontal roller guides each located adjacent a respective one of said sides of said mounting bracket and disposed rotatably about a respective horizontal axis.

9(new). The device of claim 8, further comprising a gusset located a distance above said base, supporting said sides and positioned to support a shank of an anchor in a ready position.

10(new). The device of claim 8, where said device further comprises an anchor locking pin extending horizontally through and between said sides at a location inboard from the vertical guides.

11(new). The device of claim 8, where said vertical guides extend vertically above said pair of sides but do not prevent upward removal of said anchor rope.

12(new). The device of claim 8, wherein said center roller is made from ultra high molecular weight plastic.

13(new). The device of claim 8, wherein said pair of vertical guides are made from ultra high molecular weight plastic.

14(new). A device for the guiding of an anchor rope, comprising

(a) a mounting bracket having a base and a pair of sides spaced apart from each other, each of said sides having a sloping rear margin, and said base and pair of sides defining a channel;

(b) a ultra high molecular weight (UHMW) polyethylene center roller for guiding an anchor rope, extending between said sides, and disposed rotatably about a horizontal roller axis extending between said sides at a location adjacent a front position of said channel, and defining a rope guide groove;

(c) a pair of non-abrasive vertical guides adjacent and extending along a front portion of said sides to aid in guiding the anchor rope, said vertical guides including a pair of vertical rollers each mounted to rotate about a respective vertical axis of rotation, each of said vertical guides extending vertically above said pair of sides without preventing upward removal of said anchor rope; and

(d) a pair of horizontal roller guides each located adjacent a respective one of said sides of said mounting bracket and disposed rotatably about said horizontal roller axis.

15(new). The device of claim 14, further comprising a gusset located a distance above said base, supporting said sides and positioned to support a shank of an anchor in a ready position.

16(new). The device of claim 14, further comprising an anchor locking pin extending horizontally through and between said sides at a location inboard from the vertical guides.

Amendments to the Drawings:

Second replacement drawings, amended, are included in the Appendix. In particular, the figure originally labeled Fig. 0 has been renumbered as Fig. 15 and Fig. 16. The first set of replacement drawings included duplicate drawings for Figs. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 13 of which the duplicates showed lead lines and dimensions. These duplicate Figs. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 13 have been deleted. In addition, frames, dimensions, and miscellaneous labels and legends have been deleted.